

d.) Remarks

In the present amendment applicant has taken the decision to accept the claims indicated as allowable, and to carry forward the subject matter of the rejected claims in a continuation application to be filed in the near future.

Accordingly, claims 1-9, 14-16, 18-20, and 22-32 have been canceled. Claim 10 has been amended to include the complete recitation of old claims 1 and 8, so that it includes the base claim and the intervening claim previously recited in claim 10. Claims 12, 17, and 21 have been amended to include the recitation of old claim 1. Thus claims 10-13, 17, and 21 are now in independent form, and in condition for allowance.

All claims now presented are submitted in the belief that they are allowable over the art, and that this application is in condition for issuance. Action toward that end is earnestly solicited.

No new fee is required by this amendment.

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